

Amendments to the Specification and Abstract

In the Title: Please amend the title as follows: CONTAINER WITH A DEVICE FOR INDICATING A TOTAL ~~FILLING~~ QUANTITY OF FLUID

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to a container with a device for indicating a total ~~filling~~ quantity of fluid which can be bigger than the volume of the container, where the device is equipped with a scale element with a scale for the total ~~filling~~ fluid quantity and a marker element adjustable relatively to each other.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0006] It is an object of the present invention to provide a container with a device for indicating a total ~~filling~~ fluid quantity which is easy to manufacture.

Please replace paragraph [0007] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0007] The present invention provides a fluid container including a scale element and a marker element which are detachably connected with each other by magnetic force. In order to achieve this, according to an embodiment, either the scale element or the marker element is equipped with a magnet or consist of a magnet, preferably a permanent magnet. The other element is then equipped with magnetic material or consists of magnetic material. By rotating the scale and marker elements relative to each other, it is possible to adjust the marker to a respective quantity of drink. A filling scale may be provided for indicating a respective quantity of drink added to the container in one ~~filling, or partial-filling~~ drink-adding event, whether the container is filled or partially-filled. By further rotating the scale and marker elements relative to each other after each ~~filling~~ drink-adding and/or drinking through a respective amount indicated on the scale element corresponding to an amount indicated on the filling scale it is possible to add up a total fluid intake, for example a daily fluid intake.

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0010] Further details and advantages of the present invention will be explained based on exemplary embodiments with reference to the drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 shows schematically a first embodiment of a drink ~~and/or mixer~~ container; and

Fig. 2 shows schematically a second embodiment of a drink ~~and/or mixer~~ container.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0011] In a container according to an embodiment of the invention, the scale element consists of a rotary element with a scale for the total ~~filling~~ fluid quantity, attached to the container. The container is provided with a marker. By this, the container represents a marker element. The marker can, of course, also be attached to the rotary element. The marker is rotatable relative to the scale for the total ~~filling~~ fluid quantity attached to the container. In this case, the rotary element is the marker element and the container the scale element. According to invention, the scale element and the marker element are detachably connected with each other by magnetic force.

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0012] An iron backing disc may be installed at the foot of the container as holding plate. The iron backing disc can also be ~~easted~~ cast into the foot of the container. The rotary element, e.g. a ring or cap that can be attached from below to the foot of the container, is then equipped with a permanent magnet, acting as holding magnet. This magnet and the iron backing disc together form a holding system which provides sufficient holding forces to hold the rotary element tight to the container. Vice versa, it is of course possible that a permanent magnet is attached to or casted into the container, and the rotary element can carry the iron backing disc or consist of a magnetic material. When exceeding the holding force of the magnet system, e.g. by detaching the rotary element, the connection is disrupted trouble-free. This magnet system therefore enables manufacturing detachable connections, which can be handled quickly and securely. The magnet can also be made in the form of the rotary element, and for example, can be provided with a plastic coating, on which the scale for the total ~~filling~~ fluid quantity or the marker is attached.

Please replace paragraph [0014] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0014] By choosing an appropriate rubber or latex-like soft plastic and the number and power of the single magnets, the frictional coefficient between the frictional surfaces of the scale and marker element can be determined and by this the desired twist resistance be produced.

The frictional surfaces can be slightly geared or provided with ridges or teeth, so that the rotary element is rotatable step-by-step, whereas the range of the steps is preferably adapted to the graduation of the scale for the total filling fluid quantity.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0016] By rotating the rotary element, it is possible to adjust the marker to the respective filling quantity of fluid added, and by rotating the rotary element further after each emptying and ~~refilling of~~ adding of fluid to the container, it is possible to add up the total filling fluid quantity. In case the container does not have a filling scale, the number of filled containers can be added up. ~~When preparing, for example, cocktails or salad dressings with several ingredients, the rotary element is used to adjust the quantity of the respective ingredient and the marker then indicates the respective total quantity, up to which the container is to be filled at the filling scale.~~ When the rotary element is detached, the container can be cleaned as usual, in particular on the spots which are otherwise covered by the rotary element.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0017] In a container according to another embodiment of the invention, the scale element consists of an elastic curved element which is provided with a scale for the total filling fluid quantity. The elastic curved element has a core of spring steel wire or spring steel that can therefore be clamped at the container due to its spring elasticity. Alongside the scale for the total filling fluid quantity is a slidable element which serves as marker element. According to invention, the scale element and the marker element are detachably connected with each other by magnetic force.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0018] In a container according to another embodiment of the invention the container is equipped with a scale element in the form of a preferably self-adhesive and flexible magnet strip or sheet that is provided with a, preferably printed-on, scale for the filling fluid filling quantity, ~~whereas~~ wherein the total filling fluid quantity to be indicated can be bigger than the volume of the container. In order to increase the holding force, the magnet strip can be attached to a self-adhesive flexible steel strip, which serves as holding surface. The container is furthermore equipped with a marker element which is in particular technically and shape-wise adapted to the scale element, and which consists of magnetic material, but which can

also be equipped with a magnet or formed as a magnet. The marker element and the scale element are connected with each other by magnetic force, however, the marker element is slidable alongside the scale for the total filling fluid quantity to indicate the total filling fluid quantity. The scale element and the marker element can be provided with a slot and key profile. The profiles provide better holding functions for the marker element and at the same time ~~[[a]]~~ guidance alongside the scale for the total filling fluid quantity. The scale element can certainly also be not magnetic. In this case, the marker element is equipped with a magnet or can be formed as a magnet, so that it attracts the scale element. If the container is equipped with a filling scale, it is possible to adjust the respective filling quantity by moving the marker element alongside the scale for the total filling fluid quantity, and by moving the marker element further after each adding of fluid and emptying and refilling of the container, it is possible to add up the total filling fluid quantity. If the container does not have a filling scale, the number of filled containers can be added up.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0020] Figure 1 shows schematically a drink ~~and/or mixer~~ container 5 with a filling scale 4, a marker 3, and an iron backing disc 6 attached to the ~~mixer~~ container 5. A rotary element 1 with a scale 2 for the total filling fluid quantity and a permanent magnet 7 as part of the rotary element 1 is attached to the ~~mixer~~ container 5 from below, and represents together with the marker 3 a device for indicating a total filling fluid quantity which can be bigger than the volume of the ~~mixer~~ container. The permanent holding forces of the magnet create a permanent pressure which prevents an unintentional movement of the rotary element 1 to the marker 3. The holding force of the magnet 7 can be varied by an appropriate number and/or power of possibly several single magnets in such a way that the rotary element 1 can easily be attached to the ~~mixer~~ container 5 and can also easily be detached. The permanent magnet 7 and the iron backing disc 6 can be made water resistant. The ~~mixer~~ container 5 is preferably made of glass or a transparent plastic material. The rotary element 1 is made as a cap and consists of an appropriate plastic material or high-grade steel.